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DATE OF CONTENT 25 July to 21 August 1952

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REFERENCES

PAGES 3 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

1. At 10 a.m. on 25 July, a troop train, [redacted], with troops and motor vehicles arrived at the Brandenburg-Altstadt (N 53/K 23) railroad station. According to the bill of lading, the train was dispatched by Unit [redacted] Altengrabow. The unloading was not observed. (1) At 10:30 a. m. on 28 July, a train consisting of 3 boxcars with 4 officers and 34 EW wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, 1 field kitchen and 12 motor vehicles [redacted] was seen at the Brandenburg railroad station, coming from Altengrabow and proceeding toward Rathenow. [redacted]

2. The following shipments were observed at the Altengrabow (N 53/Z 00) railroad station:

6 August, about nightfall. A train with 20 trucks and escort personnel. [redacted] were identified. The vehicles were driven to the camp. 25X1

10 August, after 8:15 p.m. Unloading of a train that carried 20 to 25 trucks which subsequently moved to the camp. Another shipment with the same cargo was unloaded at about 12 a. m.

14 August, 3:15 p.m. A train of 15 converted boxcars, a kitchen car and flatcars with rocket launchers [redacted]

[redacted] went from Altengrabow in the direction of Lohburg. (3)

3. Troops and materiel loaded at the Dallgow (N 53/Z 65) railroad station on 9 August included: about 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 2 x 122-mm model 38 field howitzers; 4 x 57-mm model 43 AA guns; 2 x 76.2-mm model 39 field guns; 2 model M-13 rocket launchers [redacted] and 14 trucks [redacted]. (4)

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- 25X1 [] 4. On 12 August, 8 boxcarloads with billeting equipment consigned to
25X1 Lieutenant Adamov, [] were dispatched from Eberswalde (N 53/V 08)
to Templin. (5)
5. At 6 p.m. on 14 August, a train with 24 x 37-mm, factory-new AA guns and
several cars with light and heavy mortars were at the Fuerstenwalde (N 53/V 33)
railroad station. A shipment of about 30 factory-new 150-mm guns with barrels
3.50 meters to 4.50 meters long, solid tires, and about 150 mortars of about
80 mm was seen in Frankfurt/Oder, coming from an easterly direction. (6)
6. On 14 August, a convoy of trucks towing AA guns of about 100 mm, with barrels 25X1
about 5 meters long, which had funnel-shaped muzzle caps, possibly muzzle
brakes, four-wheel carriages with pneumatic twin tires []
drove through Gross-Schoenebeck
(N 53/Z 39) on 14 August, coming from the direction of Gerbellin and proceeding
to the Gross-Schoenebeck firing range. (7)
7. In mid-August, [] Senior Lieutenant
Pockin, deputy chief of the former warehouse of [] Fuerstenwalde,
was detached to Frankfurt/Oder with the assignment of establishing a large
warehouse there. (8) 25X1 25X1
8. At 5:30 p.m. on 17 August, seven trucks []
each carrying about 20 soldiers, came from the direction of Pinow and
proceeded toward the barracks installations, Eberswalde. At 5 p.m. on 18
August, 11-13 rocket launchers []
from the Schuetzen Kaserne were loaded at the Eberswalde railroad station. (9)
On 20 August, AAA practiced firing at towed-air sleeve targets south of
Eberswalde.
9. On 21 August, a shipment of 12 JS tanks and 8 trucks [] and 25X1
6 converted boxcars with troops passed through Magdeburg (N 53/Y 60) toward
Betzling Heath. (10) 25X1
10. At 2 p.m. on 21 August, 8 x 100-mm AT guns, 4 x 76.2-mm AT guns, 12 prime
movers, 5 trucks with machine guns, 13 trucks []
[] and 12 boxcars with
troops were loaded at the Altengrabow railroad station. The train departed
toward Magdeburg. [] 25X1
- 25X1 [] ents.
- (1) [] confirms the 124th Hv How Arty Brig (US) in Brandenburg until 25
July 1952. According to available records, the shipment of the brigade was
dispatched [] from Altengrabow to Brandenburg.
- (2) The train transported a unit of the 6th Arty Div.
- (3) [] a shipment of the Third Shock Army
was unloaded in Altengrabow on 6 August and two unidentified shipments on
10 August. Elements of a rocket launcher unit of the Eighth Gds Army were
entrained on 14 August. The latter shipment may be the same unit which,
[] had been unloaded in Altengrabow on 7 August 1952.
- (4) An artillery unit of the 1st Mecz Div which was transferred to Juetzbog.
- (5) []

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- (6) The information supplements [REDACTED] on the arrival of new weapons from the U.S.S.R. These weapons are possibly destined for the Volkspolizei.
- (7) An AAA unit of the 63d AAA Div (US), probably equipped with 85-mm guns, and which is believed to have moved from Eberswalde to the Terplin troop training grounds for firing practice.
- (8) [REDACTED] confirms the Hq 7th Gds Mecz Div from Fuerstenwalde until the middle of August 1952.
- (9) The convoy seen on 17 August belongs to the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. The loading on 18 August was probably a unit of the 312th Gds RL Regt of the aforementioned army. The unit presumably moved to the Lieberose troop training grounds.
- (10) The shipment cannot be identified.
- (11) [REDACTED] the AT artillery unit belongs to the Third Shock Army, presumably to the 207th Itz Rifle Div. The unit is possibly identical with the 100-mm unidentified AT artillery unit in Stendal-Borstel.

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